RG104 E-1 Box 155 Dec 1888 - Feb 1889

Wheeling W. Va. Jan. 24th. 1889.

To the Hon. Superintendent of the U.S. Mint.

at Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir:-Mr. Alexander Squires, this day applied to me, to prepare the papers, necessary to enable him to obtain, from the United States, the value of 124 40/100 ounces of gold dust, which he claims he deposited in the U.S. Mint at Philda. Pa. on or about the 11th. day of June 1855; and the receipt, or certificate received by him, for the same, at the time of depositing, is about worn out or destroyed. He also produced a note written, by some clerk in your office, some time during this month; and the following is a copy.

'Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.'
Superintendents Office. 188 .
'Mr. Squires will have to make affidavit of the identity of the receipt for bullion deposited by him in 1855. The ink having disappeared the receipt is equivalent to 'lost'. Mr. Squires will have to execute a bond of indemnity with competent security added, defending the Government against all demands hereafter made (if any) for the deposit.'

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I suppose you want him to establish, or make affidavit to his own identity, and not the identy of the receipt, which could hardly be done if it is 'equivalent to 'lost'.'

I would be glad if you would furnish me with the proper blanks far a case of this kind, especially of the Bond; or if you have none please give me such instructions as will enable me to understand just what you desire or expect; otherwise we might prepare a great many unnecessary papers.

He has acquaintances here, but none nearer to Philda, and for that reason he came here. Will the affidavits of two be sufficient ?

What amount of Bond will you require? Do you wish the pieces of the old receipt returned with his affidavit?

Yours truly.

Hannibal Forbes.

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